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Dated 27-4-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Iron and Steel and Caustic Soda - Earmarking
of by Provinces for distribution to Harijans.

No. II-1(533)/48
Government of India.
Ministry of Industry and supplies

Jaisalmer House,
New Delhi, the 28th February 1948.

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All Provincial Governments.

Subject:- Earmarking of steel and caustic soda by
Provinces for distribution to Harijans.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have been considering for some time now what special measures, if any, should be taken to encourage Harijans to take a larger share in the industrial development of the country. While it is appreciated that the Provincial Governments are fully alive to the needs of Harijans and are taking various steps for their uplift, it has been suggested that as an immediate measure, some assistance might be rendered to such of those Harijans who form themselves into groups, e.g., co-operative societies and the like, for the small scale fabrication of agricultural and other household implements, or for the manufacture of other articles, like soap, on a cottage industry basis. It has been suggested that a subquota out of the Provincial Quota of iron and steel might be earmarked for supply to such Harijan societies, or in exceptionally deserving cases to those who are already engaged in business or are anxious to start new business; and that a small quota of caustic soda should be placed at the disposal of the Provinces for distribution for the manufacture of soap on cottage industry basis. The intention is that, as a general rule, the distribution should be made to groups of Harijans participating in industrial production, although in specially deserving cases assistance to individuals may be given.

2. I am to request that the views of the Provincial Government on these suggestions may be communicated early to the Government of India, and, if they agree with them, to indicate (a) what quantities of iron and steel they would like to earmark for this purpose from the Provincial Quota, and (b) the quantity of caustic soda which they would recommend for allotment for this purpose. In doing so, the Provincial Government will no doubt bear in mind the existing acute supply position, and the fact that even organised industries are able to obtain barely half their requirements.

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(Bhoothalingam)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
 Ministry of Industry and supply,
 Jaisalmer House, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub:- Iron and Steel and Caustic Soda - Earmarking
 of by Provinces for distribution to Harijans.
 Ref:- Letter from the Government of India No.11-1(533)
 48 dated 28-2-1948.

With reference to the letter cited, I am directed to state that, in view of the inadequate supply of iron and steel even for the most essential needs of this Province, an additional quota besides the usual Provincial quota of iron and steel and caustic soda may be allotted to this Province for the uplift of the Harijans; in which case necessary steps will be taken to see that co-operative Organisations of Harijans to develop industries are encouraged given and special facilities. If however this not acceptable to the Government of India, ten per cent of the quotas of iron and steel and Caustic soda from and out of the Provincial quota allotted to this Province may be earmarked for the Harijans.

Your Obedient Servant,

sd.

Copy to the Director of Industries and Commerce with reference to the letter No.L.Dis ISC-A1/48 dated 25-3-48.

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Superintendent,
 MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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